

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol for all votes on Thursday, November 18, 2010. However, had I been present, I would have voted as follows: "yea" on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 3774, Extending the deadline for Social Services Block Grant expenditures of supplemental funds appropriated following disasters occurring in 2008; "yea" on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H. Con. Res. 329, Recognizing the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975; "yea" on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H. Res. 1677, Condemning the Burmese regime's undemocratic upcoming elections on November 7, 2010.

HONORING SURFING LEGEND  
ANDY IRONS**HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to surfing legend Andy Irons, who passed away suddenly on November 2 at the age of 32. A kama'aina from Hanalei on the island of Kauai, Andy Irons was one of the sport's most recognized athletes with three world championship titles, an accomplishment that no other male surfer from Hawaii has been able to achieve. In all, Andy won 32 professional surfing contests, including 20 elite Association of Surfing Professionals World Tour tides and four Triple Crown tides. Currently ranked 16th in the world, Andy remains the highest-ranked professional surfer from Hawaii.

Known for his powerful, fluid style and ability to excel in all types of surf conditions, Andy Irons was not only highly respected by surfers in Hawaii but also served as an ambassador for Hawaii and the sport as he competed in events all over the world. Andy always made it a point to mentor local surfers and promote the sport in Hawaii, including hosting the Irons Brothers Pine Trees Classic with his brother Bruce for up-and-coming surfers on Kauai over the past nine years.

Although he went on hiatus from competing professionally in 2008 and 2009, Andy made a comeback this year, winning the Billabong Pro Teahupoo in Tahiti in September. He was also expected to be a top contender in the Vans Triple Crown of Surfing this month on the North Shore of Oahu, a three-event series that he won from 2002 to 2006.

Andy is survived by his wife, Lyndie, who is expecting their first child next month; father, Phil; mother, Danielle; and brother, Bruce. In addition to the thousands of people who paid tribute to Andy at a memorial "paddle out" service at Hanalei Bay on the North Shore of Kauai on November 14, thousands of fans, friends, and competitors around the world held similar memorials in solidarity.

Andy served as an inspiration to the people of Hawaii and to the surfing community around the world. He will be greatly missed.

A TRIBUTE TO CALVIN "CAL"  
WORTHINGTON**HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Calvin "Cal" Worthington, a great American entrepreneur who is turning 90 years old this week.

When I think of Mr. Worthington, the first thing which comes to mind is that he is a true "Renaissance Man." He proudly served our country in the United States Army Air Corps in World War II as a B-17 Bomber pilot, and because of his heroic skills during the military campaign in Germany, he was awarded the Air Medal five times, as well as the Distinguished Flying Cross.

When Mr. Worthington returned to the States, he eventually became one of the most successful car salesmen in the country. With his dealerships in five States, Cal quickly demonstrated an aptitude for drawing in customers. His name today still evokes memories of tantalizing jingles as well as images of zoo animals and stunts, as he is best known for his lively commercials with his "dog" Spot. His advertisements were received with high national acclaim, due to the fact that Spot was never a dog. Instead, Spot was always an exotic animal, such as a tiger, chimpanzee, lion, bear, goose, rhinoceros, skunk, water buffalo, snake, elephant or seal.

Mr. Worthington's sense of humor, tremendous business skills, love of music and the arts, and his desire to continually improve his community will be his legacy. It is an honor to recognize Cal Worthington for his immense dedication to improving the quality of life for so many individuals and for his commitment to excellence. He has served our Nation proudly and I am privileged to say that he will always be my friend. Happy 90th birthday, Cal; in dog years you are now officially 630 years old!

HONORING TIMMOTHY HANS-  
ROBERT HILLER**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Timmothy Hans-Robert Hiller. Timmothy is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Timmothy has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Timmothy has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Timmothy has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Timmothy Hans-Robert Hiller for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION  
FOR PUEBLO DEL SOL ELEMEN-  
TARY SCHOOL**HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pueblo Del Sol Elementary School in Sierra Vista, Arizona which has been designated a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School.

This is a significant honor for the students, parents, teachers, staff and administrators of Pueblo Del Sol, which is in Arizona's 8th Congressional District. Pueblo Del Sol was among just four schools in the State of Arizona and 304 in the Nation to receive this prestigious award.

Principal Jim Sprigg as well as former Principal John Wilson, who retired last year, played major roles in leading the school to this award. I extend my congratulations to both of them for establishing and maintaining an outstanding tradition of educational excellence.

It also is important to note that this award would not have been possible without the dedication of Pueblo Del Sol students who come to school each day ready to learn and anxious to apply themselves to their education. The success of the students would not have been possible without the support and guidance given to them by their parents.

We have, unfortunately, become accustomed to hearing discouraging educational news. We are encouraged, however, that those affiliated with Pueblo Del Sol Elementary School have shown that even with tight financial constraints, schools with students and teachers who are determined to succeed will excel.

The people of Sierra Vista and the members of the Sierra Vista Unified School District should be very proud to have such a stellar school in their community. I share their pride and am pleased to have Pueblo Del Sol Elementary School in my Congressional District as an example of the excellence that is possible in our public education system.

I am honored to recognize the students, parents, teachers, staff and administrators of Pueblo Del Sol on this outstanding national award. It is a testament to their dedication, perseverance and an unwavering commitment to learning.

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MONTH 2009**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the DREAM Act.

We are a nation built by the hard work and personal achievements of immigrants. We